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#### NEED OF STRENGTH.

There is an organic relation between strength and singing, says a writer in the New 1 ork Advertiser. The mere production of song demands but was compelled to assist his father to earn a living the exertion; of singing and acting together demands an expenditure of vital force almost as great, if not equal to, the hardest physical labor. There are many parts in grand opera, and even light op- admitted to the Conservatory, where he made wonera, which are simply exhausting to a weak or derful progress. He not only studied music, but the last ten years.

sickly man or woman. This is a reason why so was also instructed in literary branches. After three After his London success Ondricek was heard in many charming vocalists, who are simply superb years Ondricek received the first prize for his the leading German cities, such as Vienna, Berlin, in parlors or in small social circles, make such mature rendition of the Beethoven Concerto. At a Dresden, Stuttgart, Frankfort, Leipzig, Hamburg, miserable failures when they go upon the concert subsequent concert he gave in Prague, Wieniawsky and was everywhere received by enthusiastic audiplatform or the stage. They have not the requisite was present and heard him play the Concerto by

strength for the work they undertake. They seldom realize this fact, but draw upon their will power or upon medicines to tide them over; and all goes well for a brief while, until they break down and become wrecks.

Nearly all of our great singers are people with a fine physical development, who take excellent care of their bodies, and leave nothing undone to insure their health and in-crease their physical well-being. If any well-being. young woman desires to join the musical stage as a profession, she should bear in mind that a prime necessity is a good physical condition. It is not needful to be an athlete, but she should be able to take long walks and enjoy them; to run, play, jump an hour at a time, without being tired or worn out. I might go even further, and say that every musical aspirant should take a thorough course in gymnastics. Even if this is not necessary, it will do no harm, and will tend to increase the sweetness, volume and effectiveness of the singer. I am glad to see that in the colleges this is being made a regular feature. In nearly all, to-day, the girls are trained physically as well as ment-

The same rule may be applied with great advantage to the musical training of women. It should be accompanied by a physical training at the same time. This is too often overlooked by bright and ambitious young girls who go to Europe to finish their musical education. You find them in England. France, Germany and Italy. They work hard; they put their whole soul into their endeavors; they economize, and deny themselves pleasures in order

to obtain the highest musical culture; and doing all Molique. The great Belgian kissed him on the forethis they forget absolutely that superb mechanism, their own body. As a result, something gives way, and they go home utterly heart-broken. Their failure is erroneously charged to over-work, to false methods of instruction, to bad climate, and to any and every cause save the true one.

For generations to come, the name of Dr. George F. Root, America's great war-song writer, who died suddenly at Bailey's Island, off Portland, Me., in his 75th year, will hold a high place in the affections of the partriotic, and will be remembered by the American people as the composer of the "Battle-Cry of Freedom," "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching," "John Brown's Body," "Rally Round the Flag, Boys," "Marching Through Georgia," and numerous other popular songs,

#### FRANZ ONDRICEK.

father was a musician, and while quite young he

said, "Here, this is my second Wieniawsky!" Ondricek remained in France for the following Franz Ondricek was born in Prague, where his two years, while he played in a number of the Pasther was a musician, and while quite young he deloup Concerts in Paris, as well as in all the representative concerts in Bordeaux, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Nizza, and other French cities. Later he played for the London Philharmonic Society, where he achieved an enormous success, so much so that he has played with that society almost every season for

ed that he has been compelled to make an annual tour in that country the past eight

Ondricek's repertoire is enormous, comprising almost the whole of the violin literature, including a number of compositions never played by any other artist. He is equally great in the rendition of the classic as in the modern brilliant compositions. He plays Bach, Beethoven, Spohr, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Bruch, as well as Ernst, Paganini, Vieuxtemps, Wieniawsky, Bazzini, Lalo, etc., and he is as often compared to Joachim as to Sarasate. Ondricek to day belongs to the world's greatest violinists. He is a true artist. Grand and noble tone, positive purity of intonation, warm and sypathetic interpretation, individuality of conception, and withal verve and temperament are the salient qualities of Ondricek's playing.

Ondricek is honorary member of the Philhar-monic Society of London; of the Royal Academy of Arts in Rome, and a number of other musical societies, besides being the possessor of the Rou-manian Order of the Star, the Swedish Gustav Wasa Order, and the Bulgarian Order " Pour la Mérite.'

Rubinstein, when once asked why henever raised his eyes from the keyboard when playing in public, replied that the habit dated from a painful experience he had made when first he played in London. He had forgotten his surroundings through concentration in his work, but of a sudden a desire for companionship in his artistic joy induced him to raise his eyes; they fell, by chance, upon a stout, buxom familias in the frontrow. His mental ecstasy was

greeted by the most exagg sible to imagine for the facial capacities of polite never again to raise his eyes while playing in public.

The question, "Which is the most musical city in the world?" has recently been decided in favor of Frankfort-on-the-Main. Last year no less than forty-six orchestral concerts were given there, none with less than seventy performers; besides these, there were eight oratorio concerts on a grand scale, eighteen on a smaller scale, fifteen chamber music concerts, twenty-eight recitals, besides numerous pupils' concerts.

A very young Pole, M. Stanislas Melker, of Warsaw, won the \$1,000 Rubinstein prize for the best playing his selection, Massart stepped forward and | pianoforte concerts at Berlin this year,



head, and, after the playing of his "Legende," bounded upon the platform and said to him, "You society. It will not be difficult to conceive the reac-can play this any time after me." This incident tion. From this date he determined, in self-defense, induced a rich merchant from Prague to give young Ondricek the means to take a course at the Paris Conservatory of Music, where with difficulty he was accepted, on account of prejudice against for-eign artists. He continued his studies under Massart. While there he made the acquaintance of Vieuxtemps, who heard him play, and remarked to him, "Young man, you are to-day already a great artist; it is foolish of you to waste your time."
This was, however, not the case. After his connection with the Paris Conservatory of Music for two years he received the first prize. During the com-mencement exercises, Ondricek having finished

#### SPIERING QUARTETTE CONCERT.

On Tuesday, October 15th, the Spiering Quartette of Chicago will give a concert, under the auspices of those interested in the welfare of the Rebekah Hospital. This Quartette is headed by the eminent young violinist, Mr. Theodore Spiering, so well and favorably known to all music lovers in this city. The other gentlemen in this quartette are worthy associates of this promising artist, and the quartette as a whole is by all means the best in the West.

The personnel of the quartette is excellent, being

composed of Messrs. Theodore Spiering, first violin, Otto Roehrborn, second violin, Adolf Weidig, viola, and last, but not least, Herman Diestel, violincello.

Not only are these gentlemen in the first rank as instrumentalists, but among them they are able to boast of many scholarly qualities, especially Mr. Weidig, who is a composer of considerable note.

Associated with them on the occasion of this concert will be Mr. George Furguson, the New York baritone, who is creating such a furore in the East, and Mr. Leopold Godowsky, the celebrated Russian pianist, whose arrival at Chicago has created such a sensation in musical circles.

Altogether the concert will be one of the distinct musical events of the season, being, as it is, the opening of the musical season in this city.

Every member of the Spiering Quartette is a soloist and promiinent member of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra. This fact is alone proof of the distinguished position they occupy among musicians, especially taken in connection with the fact that they have not been hastily brought together, but have been rehearsing as a quartette for several seasons.

#### PERSONNEL.

MR. THEODORE SPIERING, the first violin of the quartette, was born in St. Louis, Mo., and is descended from a musical family, his father having been a violinist of high repute, from whom he received his early training. Two years were spent at the Cincinnati College of Music, under Mr. Henry Shradieck, and in 1888 he went to Berlin, where he

ist of no mean repute. His technique is faultless, and his interpretation thoroughly artistic. Mr. Spiering plays upon one of the finest violins in the country, a Joseph Guarnarius del Jesu.

singer. Mr. Stevens and det to the success of a recent invention of photographing the vocal cords while a person is singing.

Some years ago an experiment was made to show how sound could be destroyed by alternate layers of

MR. OTTO ROERHBORN, second violin, was born at Hanover, Germany. His father was his first teacher. Two years were spent at Cossel, where he played at the Royal Opera House. Again two years were spent in Berlin, at the Royal High School of Music, where he studied with Prof. Jacobsen, and also had the good fortune of becoming a pupil of Joachim. Just before the World's Fair opened he came to Chicago and joined the Thomas Orchestra, of which he still is a member.

MR. ADOLPH WEIDIG, viola, was born in Hamburg, Germany, and is the son of a musician. He studied with Carl Bargher. Dr. Hugo Riemann, Court Conductor Abel and Josef Rheinberger. At sixteen he was engaged for the Philharmonic Society in Hamburg, and composed works for voice, strings and orchestra, and in 1888 was awarded the Mozart prize at Frankfort for the best composition of a string quartet. At the Academy of Music in Munich, for two successive years, he took the highest diplomas for "extraordinary accomplishments in all musical branches." He was offered a professorship at the Academy, and the assistant leadership at the Munich Court Theatre, but decided to distance, and re-appeared at a quarter of a mile,

MR. HERMAN DIESTEL, violoncello, when only five years of age began the study of music, with his father as instructor, in his native city of Berlin, Germany, choosing the violoncello as his solo instrument at the age of ten. After graduating at col-lege he entered the Royal Conservatory of Music, in Berlin, and upon the conclusion of his studies accepted the position of solo violoncellist in Hamburg. Later he filled the same position in Dresden, where he played in quartette with the renowned Wilhelmj for an entire season. He came to this country in 1891, under contract with the Mendelssohn Quintette Club of Boston, and during his two seasons with that organization created a furore wherever he appeared. Last spring he was engaged by the Thomas Orchestra, with which he is still prominently con-

#### RANGE OF THE VOICE.

At the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Springfield, Mass., Prof. W. Leconte Stevens told the section of physics that the extreme range of the human voice seemed to be six and a fourth octaves. When girls squeal at their placed at from 20 to 25 per cent. of the supposed replay, he said, they frequently make noises an octave ceipts of the theatre involved. The smallest pro-



Theodor Giring Hermann Durkel Hary Weidig Ulto Rochrborn

remained four years under Joachim. He was a higher than Adelina Patti could ever sing, while however, the composer's descendants receive no favorite pupil of this great master. As a result of his success abroad, Theodore Thomas engaged his orchestra. Moreover, Mr. Spiering is a solosist of no mean repute. His techniques is faultless.

hot and cold air. An arrangement of heating grids and spaces provided the atmospheric conditions, and a brass band at the end of the room did the rest. The practical importance of the test was that it off by zones of different temperature from ships at two-the German and American college chapels. sea, and explained several actual failures. Since then the matter has been tested in practice, with astonishing results, of which the following, culled from a shipping publication, is a specimen: "A vessel steamed backwards and forwards, to and from a lightship on which a fog-horn signal was kept going. At a distance of 23/4 miles (nautical) the sound became faint, but increased once more in density at a distance of 21/2 miles. Between the 13/4 and 11/2 mile distance it could hardly be heard at all, but on passing the mile-and-a-half mark it became suddenly so loud that the sound seemed to originate near the ship. On reversing the course the same thing occurred again, and was even more marked on a third trial, the sudden outburst of sound when the mile-and-a-half mark was passing being especially remarkable. On approaching the lightship further the sound vanished at half a mile come to Chicago as first violin in the Thomas after which it obeyed the usual laws of distance until the vessel was reached."

#### ITALIAN COMPOSERS.

There is a general impression that Italian composers live and die in poverty, and that the Government is too poor to assist them. This fallacy is denied in a recent letter, for the writer says that a stipulated sum, and not royalties, is paid in advance for the performance of each work: "The sum depends upon the value of the opera, the importance of the theatre, and the artists employed, and the season in which it is given. The publishers, thoroughly cognizant of the means of every theatre in Italy, make their prices accordingly. The price once named is never reduced, even though the opera may fail to succeed. When the contract is signed the theatre director receives the vocal, but not the orchestral parts. In season for the necessary rehearsal the latter are loaned, but only when a sufficient sum is deposited to secure their safe return. To this phase of the business there is said to be due the frequent delays in first presentations, managers not having the necessary sum to advance. The inefficiency so frequent in the orchestra work on the occasion of first performances is ascribed to the same cause—an adequate number of rehearsals having been denied. 'The composer's rights are

> vincial theatre in Italy, according to this information. pays \$600 a night for the right of presenting 'Cavalleria Rusticana," and the receipts are nearly double this sum. De-ducting salaries and other contingent expenses the manager's profit would seem likely expressed in few figures.

"Verdi's 'Aida' commands \$2,000 and even \$3,000 a performance in the larger cities; in the provinces onethird the lastnamed sum is demanded. Of the receipts 40 per cent. is paid the composer by the publishers, who must bear all expense. For the right to perform old operas little is given, although Barbier, 'Norma,' 'Sonnam-bula,' 'Lucia,' and like works still are of a mercantile value. In such instances,

share of the profits, author's rights not being known in the time of Rossini, Bellini and Donizetti. In Italy an opera may be given in as many as twelve theatres simultaneously, as every town has its theatre where operas are produced during at least one season of the year. Dramatic authors are, on the other hand, said not to be so well paid in Italy as musical composers."

Some years ago the Pope declared in favor of The practical importance of the test was that it showed how futile a fog-horn might be when cut churches in Rome, pure plain song is sung only in eral Roman ecclesiastics as to the reason. The substance of the information received is as follows: "The Pope has officially pronounced plain song the only lawful music, and has ordered its exclusive use, and he has given this order at the earnest solicitation of the Germans. A question having arisen as to the correct standard, the Pope referred the matter to the congregation of rites. They called in experts, who decided that the school of Ratisbon was of supreme authority. The Pope confirmed this decision and named Pustet the official publisher. But-I was told—the Italians do not like such severe music, and as the Council of Trent refused to condemn Palestrina's music, they are allowed, by concession from the Pope, to have music 'after Palestrina.' Any one who hears it will say that it is a long way 'after.' The French follow the Cecilian school and the Spaniards and Portuguese agree with the Germans.



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#### APOLLO CLUB.

This popular organization, under the direction of Alfred G. Robyn, will begin its second season in November, and will include in its first concert the two eminent artists, Clementine de Vere Sapio, soprano, and Ondeicek, violinist; a chorus, "The King and the Sage," by Nevin, and a baritone solo and chorus.

#### CHORAL-SYMPHONY SOCIETY.

The following programmes have been announced for the coming season of the Choral-Symphony Society: Nov. 28, "Editha;" Dec. 26, "The Messiah;" Jan. 23, Symphony Concert; Feb. 20, Choral Concert (miscellaneous); March 26, Symphony Concert; May 14, "Odysseus."

Conductor Ernst has returned from his European trip, and has begun rehearsals at the Pickwick for the first concert. Mr. A. D. Cunningham, the secretary and treasurer, is leaving no stone unturned to make this the most successful season in the history of the Choral-Symphony Society. Contracts are expected to be closed with some of the most famous soloists. Tenors and baritones are invited to join the chorus.

#### METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE SINGERS.

It will be seen by the following list of names that most of the singers who were heard last season at the New York Metropolitan Opera House have been re-engaged for next season: Mme. Melba, Mme. Nordica, Mme. Scalchi, Mme. Mantelli, Mlle. Bauermeister, MM. Jean and Edouard de Reszke, M. Planson, Signor Ancona, Signor Campanari, Signor Russitano and Signor Bensaude all will return. addition to the above named artists, Messrs. Abbey and Grau have engaged Mile. Calve, who will be heard, not only in Bizet's opera, "Carmen," but also in "La Navarraise," an opera which has never been produced here, and in "Le Cid," and probably in "Modatefala". in "Mefistofele." Among the new comers the following names appear: Miss Marie Engel, a light favor by both musicians and the public. While soprano, who recently made a hit in Gounod's traveling, he has mastered, besides his native tongue, "Philemon et Baucis," at the London Covent Gar- the Spanish, the Italian, French and English landen Theatre; Miss Clara Hunt, contralto, a young American lady, who has been studying in Paris for several years; Mme. Lola Beth, a soprano from Vienna; Miss Marie Brema, who sang here last spring of friends. with Mr. Walter Damrosch's company; Mme. Georgine von Januschowsky; Mr. Lubert, tenor; Mr. Cremonini, tenor; Herr Otto Walnoefer, tenor; Herr Kaschmann, baritone; Herr Wiegand, leading basso; and Herr Schwarz, who sang with the Damrosch company last season. Mme. Sembrich, who sang here some ten years ago, has been engaged to fill the roles which have been usually filled by Mme. tour during the fall and early winter, and will not join the opera company until early in January, when she will be seen for the first time in "Manon." and examine his spiciated stock, of write for catalogue and prices. The Newby & Evans' piano is a this address, 2624 The conscientious and pair manship, durability and quality of touch and tone.

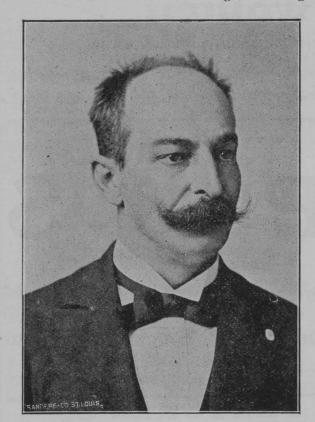
#### SENOR AQUABELLA.

The picture we present to our readers this month is that of Señor Aquabella, teacher of voice and

Señor Aquabella is a Cuban by birth, and was born in the far-famed city of Havana. His father was an Italian pianist, organist, orchestra leader and composer, and from him he received his early training. At the age of 17 he went to Italy to study under the best masters, going from there to France, where he completed his studies.

In 1800, Señor Aquabella went to New York City and taught at "Steinway Hall" for 11 years, meeting with great success in his branches of voice, piano and organ. He also conducted choral societies and filled the position as organist at various churches.

In 1891, Señor Aquabella accepted an engagement at the "North Texas Female College," the largest



institution at Sherman, Texas. In 1892 he went to Galveston and Houston, where he taught for three years with unprecedented success. He came to St. Louis a short time ago, and being encouraged by leading local musicians and a class of pupils, he decided to make his home here. He is director of the vocal department at the "Strassberger Conserva-

Señor Aquabella's specialty is vocal training according to the celebrated Italian school of singing. He is the composer of several works, vocal and instrumental, which have been received with marked the opera "Faust" and one act of the opera favor by both musicians and the public. While "Martha."

Señor Aquabella is a gentleman of refinement and ability and is fast winning for himself a large circle

#### NEWBY & EVANS' PIANOS.

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#### CITY NOTES.

Mrs. George McManus, wife of the popular and successful manager of the Grand Opera House, has been traveling the past four months, accompanied by her three sons, throughout the length and breadth of Europe. All the principal sights in England, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, etc., have been visited and treasured in the minds of the young travelers. The last places visited were the catacombs and Mount Vesuvius, all of which the youngest son, a surprisingly talented little fellow, aptly describes and illustrates with pen drawings in a letter to his father. Mr. McManus believes in giving his family every equipment for their future.

Alfred G. Robyn, organist of Temple Israel, is preparing special programmes for a series of Sunday services to be given there on the afternoon of the last Sunday of every month. Last year, these concerts were thronged with lovers and students of music. Mr. Robyn deserves special credit for his voluntary efforts. Among other things the "Ninety-fifth Psalm" of Mendelssohn, "Garner Mass" by Liszt, and "Eve" by Massenet will be rendered. A choral choir of 50 members will assist. Mr. Robyn has been engaged for organ recitals at Minneapols, Minn., Hannibal, Mo., and Florence, Ala.

The Musicians' Mutual Benefit Association held its annual meeting on the 16th ult. at its headquarters, the Aschenbrædel Club. Messrs. Owen Miller, Charles Kunkel and others were called upon for remarks, which the gentlemen made in their happiest vein. The M. M. B. A. is an earnest worker in the cause of music and deserves every encouragement. Mr. Owen Miller has done much for musical matters in St. Louis, and is an able champion of the M.

Louis Hammerstein, the well-known pianist and organist, has been very ill at his home, 2346 Albion Place, for the past six weeks. Mr. Hammerstein returned from Uhricksville, Ohio, where he had been engaged by the Ohio Normal Music School, complaining of a cold, which eventually turned into a serious illness. His many friends fervently hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Toni Lieber has removed her vocal studio from 1049 N. Grand Ave. to 517 Ware Ave. She has begun a new department for sight singing, and a separate department for foreign languages, under the direction of competent teachers.

Mrs. Lucy B. Ralston has returned to her residence, 3431 Lucas Ave., after a three-months' sojourn in Northern Michigan. She has resumed her classes in piano, and later on will also continue her classes in theory and musical history. Miss Ralston has also returned in fine health, and has the prospect of a very busy winter.

Ewardsville, Ill., will have a special musical treat the latter part of October. The popular St. Louis singers, H. Groffman, basso; W.C. McCreery, tenor; G. Townley. tenor; Mrs. Kirkpatrick, soprano; Miss Matthews, alto, and others, will present one act of

Mrs. M. E. Latey, the well-known soprano and teacher of the voice, is the only exponent of the celebrated Rudersdorf method in St. Louis. While East on a vacation, Mrs. Latey was offered a splendid church position and special inducements to remain there. Home ties, however, influenced her to remain in St. Louis. Mrs. Latey is one of the most successful of teachers, and the possessor of a magnificent voice.

Miss Ida Miehle, teacher of music, receives pupils at her address, 2756 Magnolia Avenue. Miss Miehle is a pupil of the best teachers, and well qualified for her work.

John F. Robert, teacher of piano, receives pupils at his address, 2624 Thomas Street. Mr. Robert is a conscientious and painstaking teacher, and very

The Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas, gave a very creditable recital in which the music teachers of the college participated. This college has secured the services of Miss Kate V. King as principal and directress of the musical department. Miss King is one of the most popular and successful teachers in the South.

The Spiering Quartette, will play at Lincoln and Omaha early in October, and at St. Louis on the 15th inst. They are also under engagement to give three concerts in the Summy series at Chicago.

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Miss Courtenay Thomas, of St. Louis, whose stage name will be Courtenay, has been engaged by Mr. Carvalho for the Opera Comique in Paris. She is to make her debut the coming season as Dinorah,

It is rumored that Mascagni is writing a new opera for a son of Anton Rubinstein, who has determined to follow for a time the lyric stage. He will make his first appearance as first tenor in one of the leading opera houses in Italy.

Good 'cellists and flute players are growing scarcer every year. At the twenty-four concerts given by the giving banquets, receptions, lunches, will do well to famous Boston Symphony Orchestra during the past season, nineteen solo performers appeared, of whom seven were singers, five pianists, five violinists, and one 'cellist and one flute player. Here is a brilliant chance for young musicians on these two instruments who can come up to the required standard.

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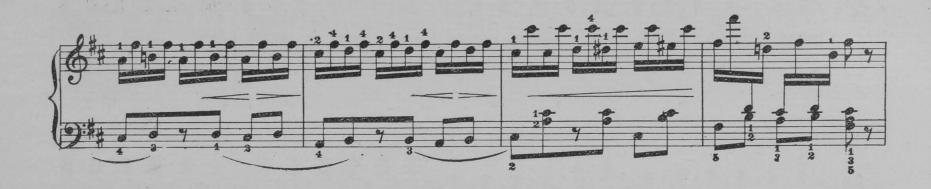
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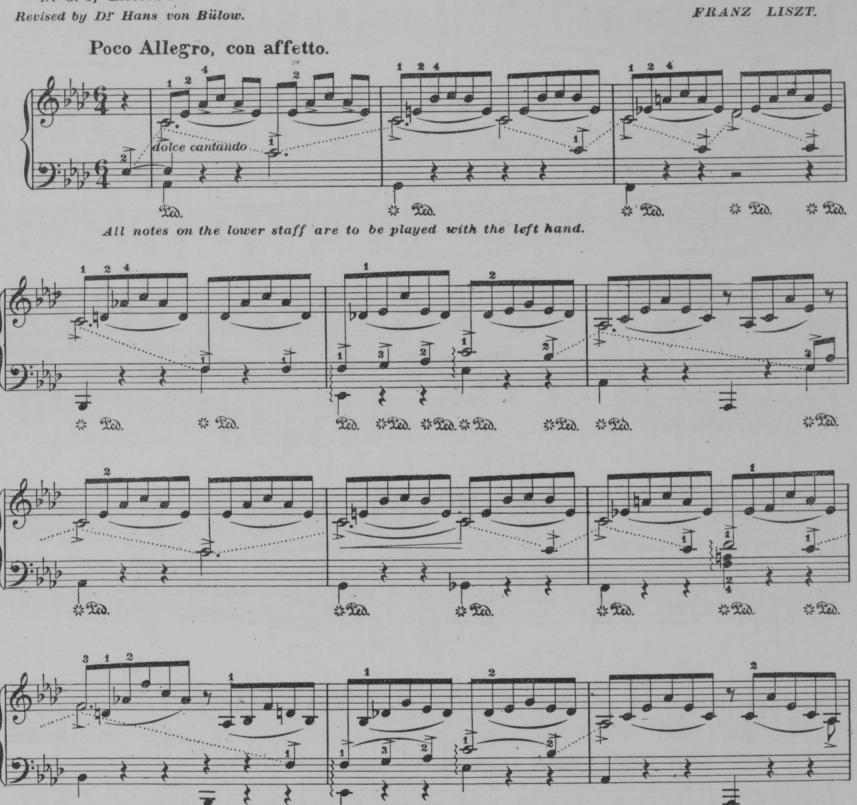




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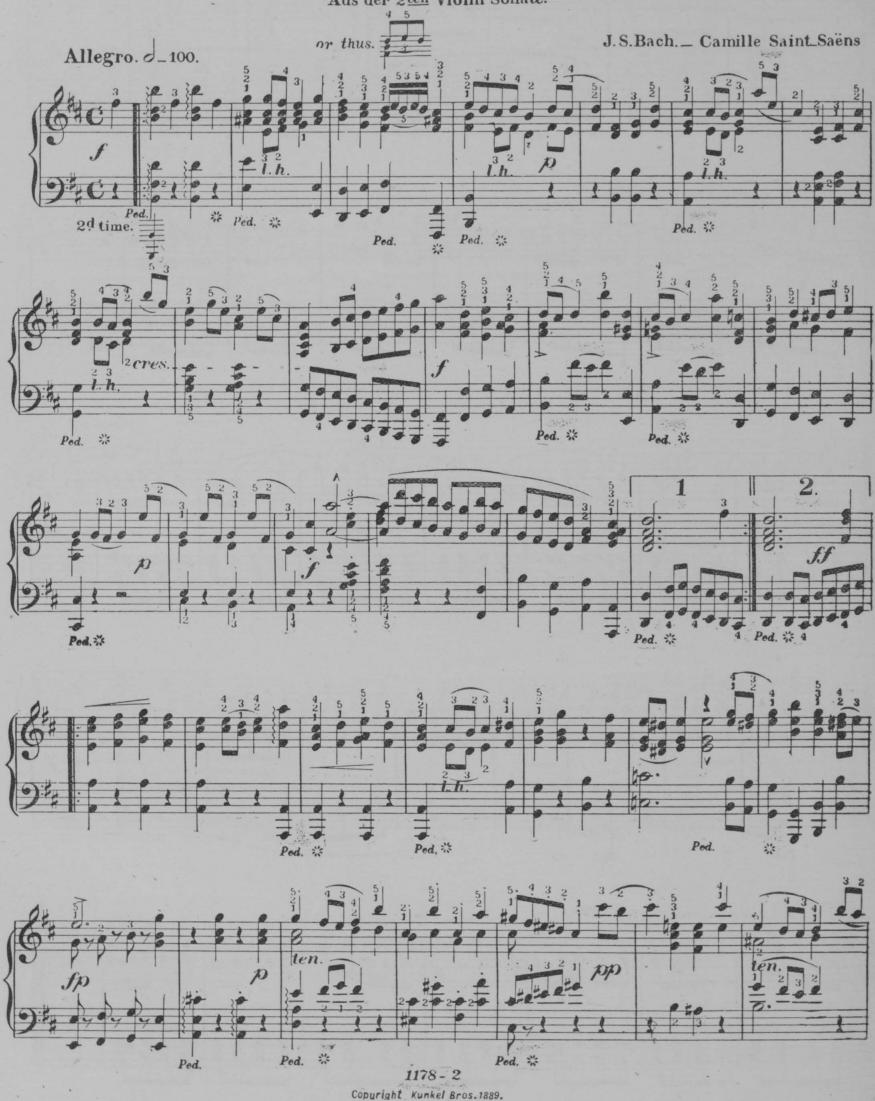




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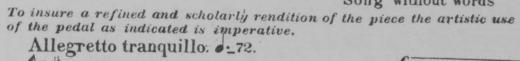




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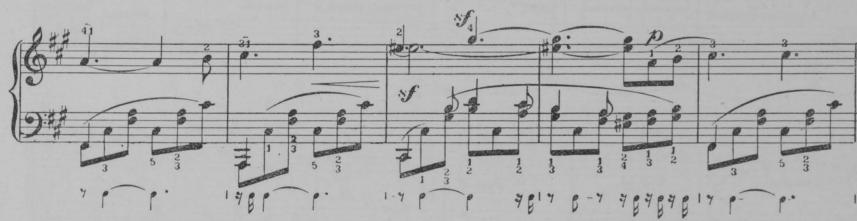
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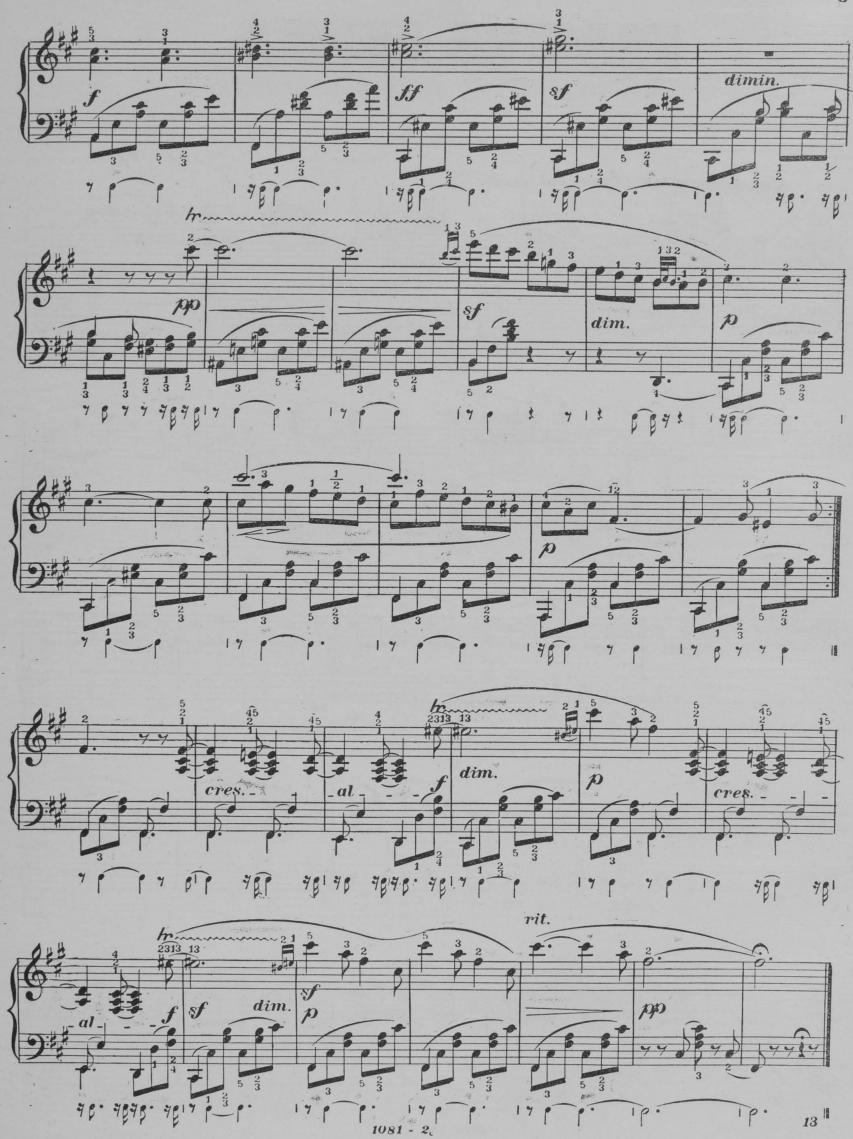
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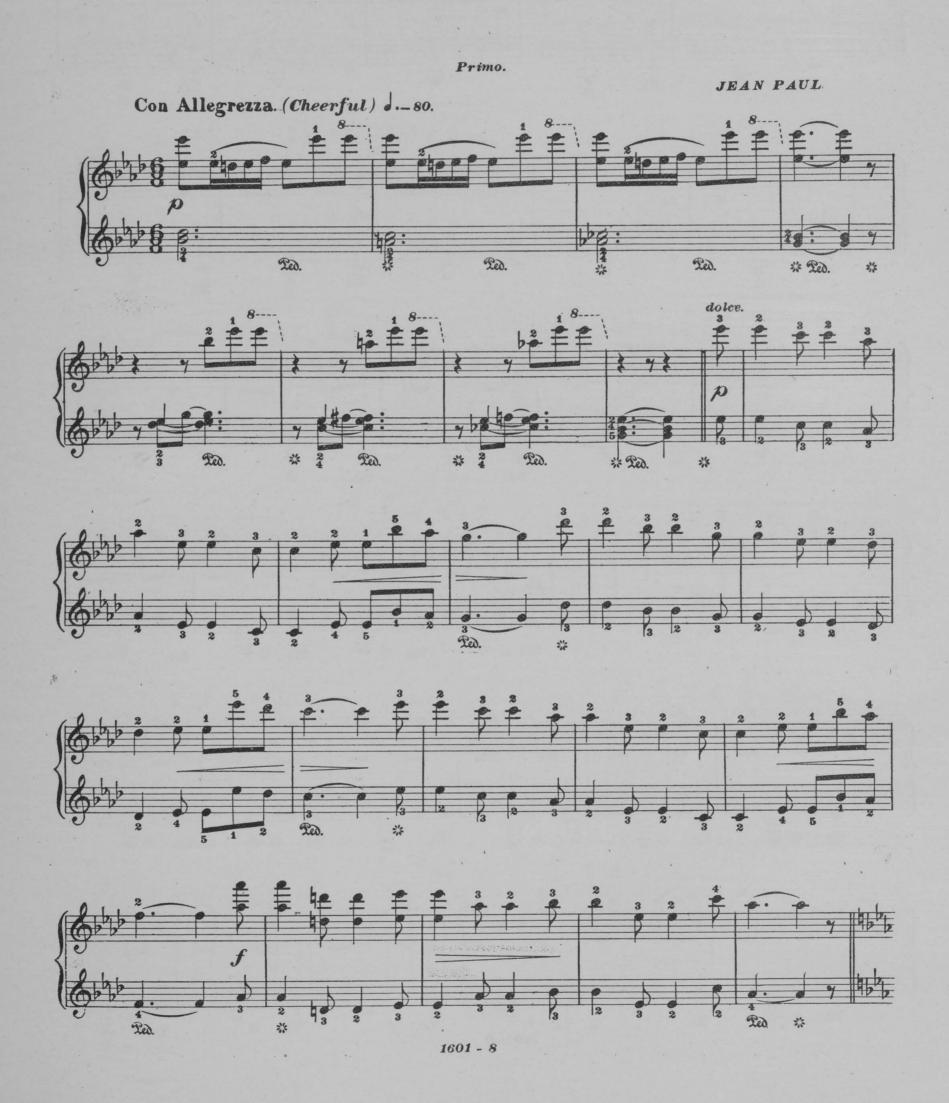


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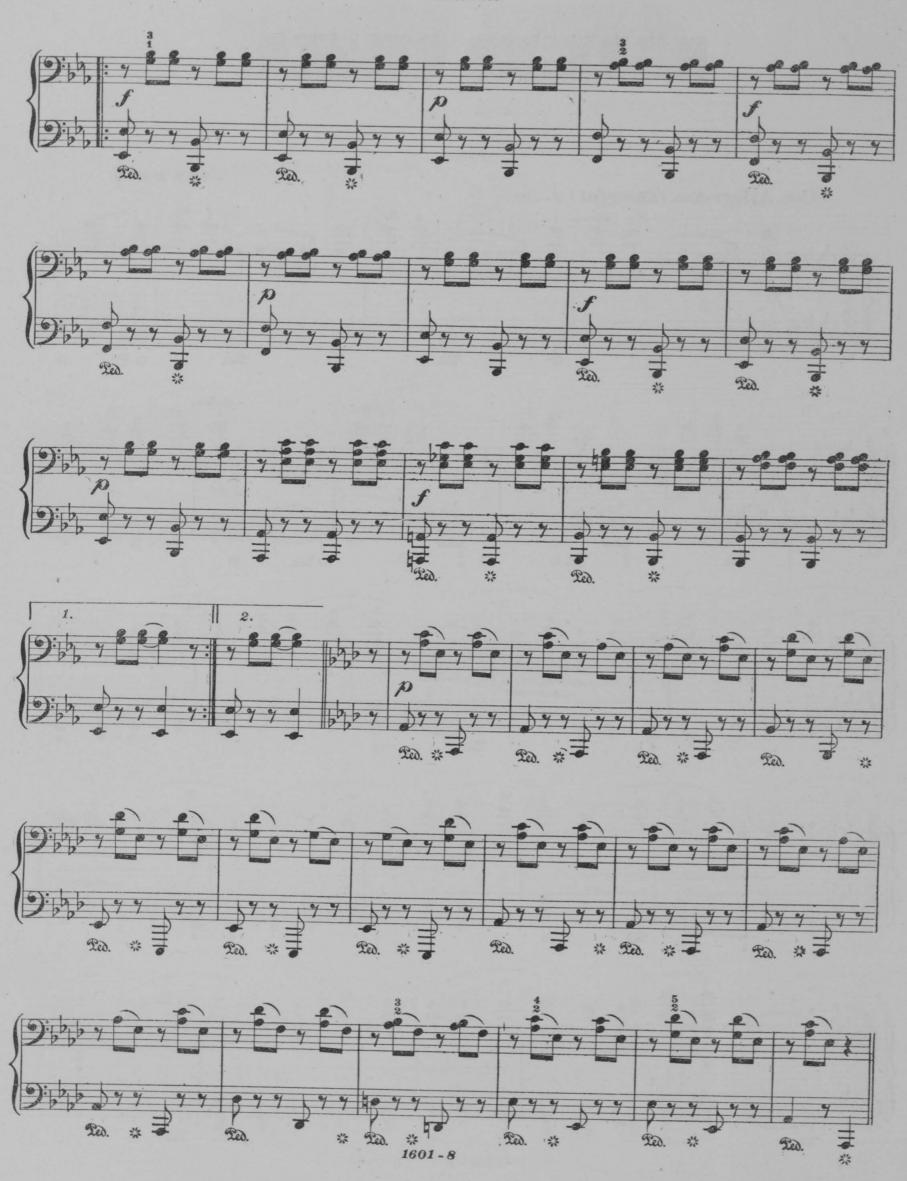


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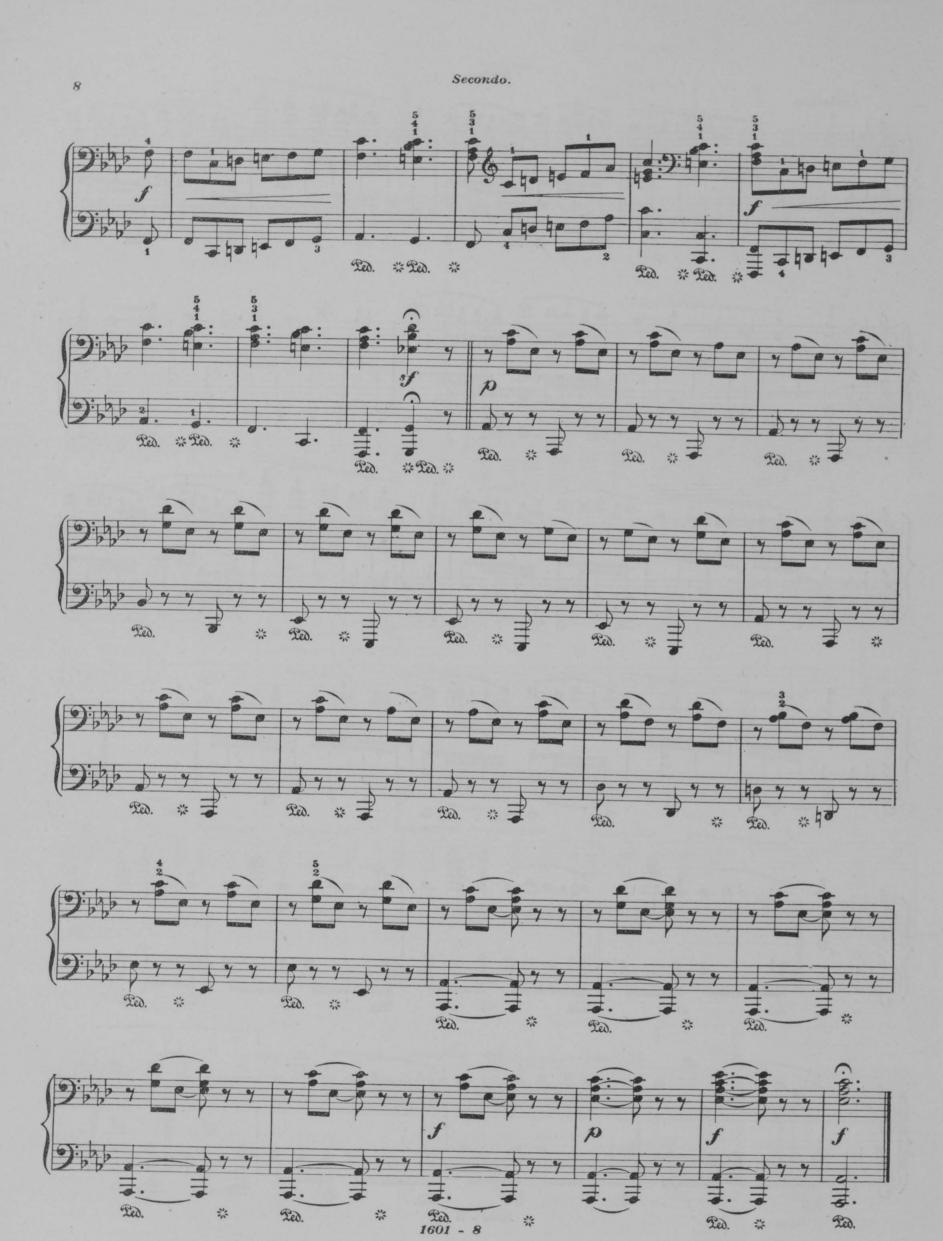
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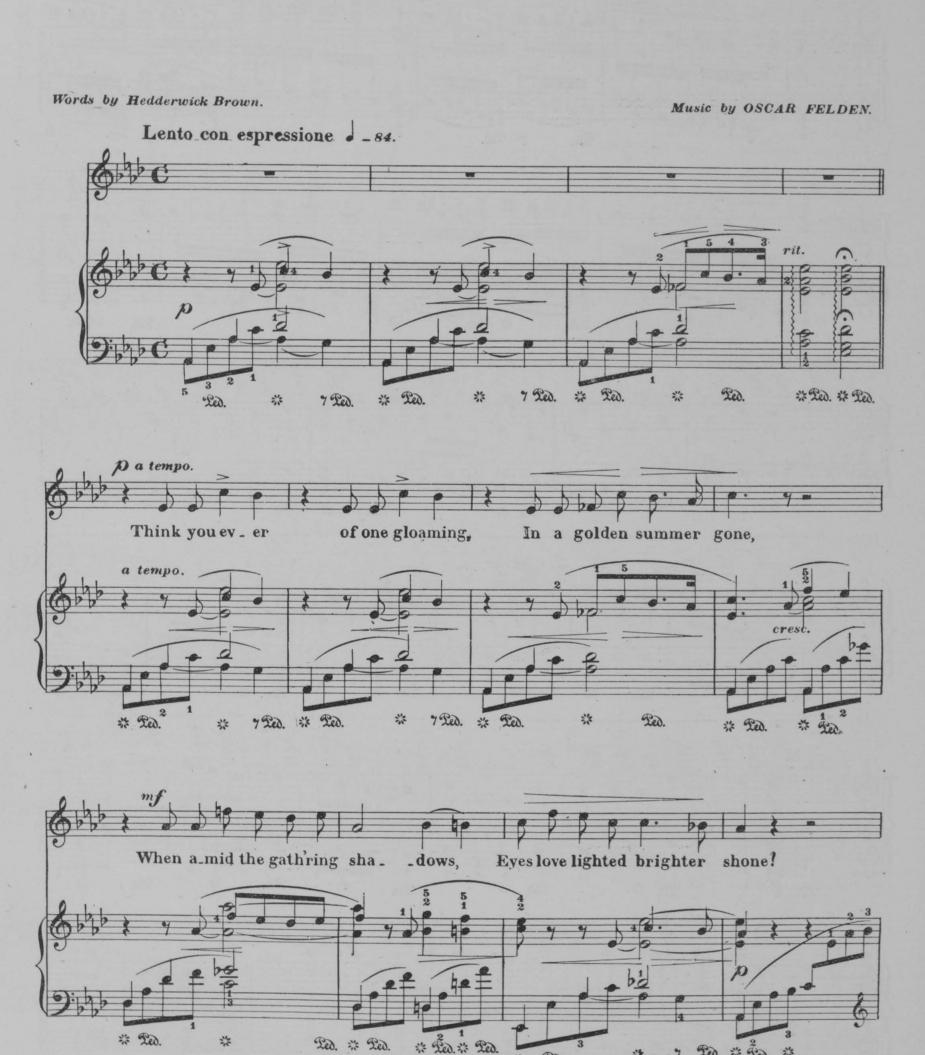












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#### AN OLD STORY OF GOUNOD.

Charles Francis Gounod, whose loss the musical world so deeply mourns, possessed a kind heart as well as the genius of a great composer. The following anecdote has the merit of being strictly true in every detail.

On Christmas evening, 1837, an old man with a stout stick walked slowly through the most fashionable part of Paris. His right arm closely pressed to his side, as if it were some sacred thing, an oblong object wrapped in a checkered cotton handkerchief. He was thinly clad, shivering, and emaciated. He was buffeted about by the skurrying crowds, apparently at a loss which way to turn. He untied the checkered handkerchief, and disclosed a violin and bow. He raised the instrument, and started to play a sentimental strain; but the result was only a harsh him. With a sob he fell down upon the steps, resting the instrument upon his knees.
"My God!" he cried, "I can no longer play!"

Three young men came down the street, singing a composer.

tune then popular among the students of the Con- The old man's prophecy was fulfilled. servatoire de Musique. One of them servatoire de Musique. One of them accidently knocked off his hat, a second stumbled against his leg. The bareheaded old violinist rose proudly to his

"Pardon, monsieur," said the third young man. "I hope we did not hurt

The speaker picked up the old man's

"No," was the bitter answer. The young man saw the violin.

"You are a musician?"

"I was once." Two great tears trickled down the old man's cheeks.
"What is the matter? Are you ill?"

The old man faltered for a moment; then he held out his hat to them.

"Give me a trifle, for the love of God! I can no longer earn anything by my art. My fingers are stiff, and my daughter is dying of consumption and want."

Down in his pockets went each one of the trio. They were but poor students, and the result was only sixteen This was the combined capital of the two. The third had only a cake

of resin. "This won't do," declared the one who had apologized for the accident. "We want more than that to relieve our fellow artist. A pull together will do it. You, Adolphe, take the violin and accompany Gustave, while I go

around with the hat."

A ringing laugh was the answer. They pulled their hats over their faces, and turned up their coat collars, in order to avoid recognition. Adolphe took the violin from the old man's trembling hand. Gustave straightened out his shoulders. In another moment the first notes of the "Carnivale de Venise" were floating out upon the night air. Such masterful music did not customarily come from the instruments of street-players. Windows of the palatial houses flew up, and the heads were thrust out of the openings. The strollers coming down the street stopped, and those who had gone on retraced their footsteps. Soon a good-sized crowd had gathered. Gustave sang the

favorite cavatina from "La Dame Blanche" in a manner that held the audience spellbound. It rained money into the hat when the song was finished.

"One more tune," whispered the treasurer of the enterprise. "Bring out those bass notes of yours, Adolphe. I'll help you with the baritone part, Gusservatory as well as for the sake of a brother artist."

The three young men played and sang probably as they never played and sang in their after-life. The most critical of audiences was enthralled.

Life came back to the old man. He grasped his air of one having authority. He stood transfixed when they had done; his face lighted up, his eyes

The proceeds of the entertainment netted five hundred francs. Many of the wealthy listeners had thrown gold pieces into the old battered hat.

They gave him back his hat and its contents, and wrapped up the instrument in the old checkered handkerchief.

"Your names; your names!" the old man gasped. "Give me your names, that I may bless them on my death-bed.

"My name is Faith," said the first.
"And mine Hope," said the second.
"And mine Charity," said the treasurer of the

enterprise.

"You do not even know mine," continued the old man, regaining his voice. "Ah, I might have been an imposter; but I am not. I am not! My name is Chapuce. For ten years I directed the orchestra of the opera at Strasburg. It was I who mounted 'Guillaume Tell.' Since I left my native Alsace misfortune has followed me. With this money my daughter and I can go to the country, and there she will recover her health, and I shall find a place to teach what I can no longer perform. You—all of you—shall be the greatest of the greatest."

"Amen!" was the hearty response of the students

as they shook the old man's hand.

Despite their attempts at disguise, the young men and inharmonious sound. The street gamins chaffed had been recognized by one who afterward told the tale. They were known to fame in later years as Gustave Rogers, the great tenor; Adolphe Herman, the great violinist; and Charles Gounod, the great



#### CLEMENTINE DE VERE-SAPIO.

Madame Sapio (née Clémence Duchéne De Vére) being an English lady (Isabel Hood, of London).

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During the last few years Mme. Sapio has devoted herself almost entirely to the concert stage. Her phenomenal.

styles of music.

#### CITY NOTES.

J. Ellicock, the popular and well-known dealer in sheet music and music books, has lately moved into large and elegant quarters at 1015 Olive Street, where he has a new and complete stock of sheet music, music books, musical instruments and musical merchandise. Mr. Ellicock makes a specialty of choicest strings and trimmings for all instruments, and gives all orders by mail the promptest attention, so that those at a distance experience no delay in getting goods.

Max Ballman, the well-known teacher of vocal music, has returned from a three months' trip throughout the principal capitals and points of interest in Europe. Mr. Ballman did not forget the interests of his profession while away, and availed himself of every opportunity to hear the great artists, many of whom he met socially. Mr. Ballman was highly delighted with his jaunts through Vienna, Dresden, Berlin, Innspruch and the Tyrol. He is hard at work again at his music rooms, 1041/2 N. Broadway.

> Paul Mori's comic opera, "Entanglement," will be presented throughout the country this season by the Farnham Opera Co.

Miss Emily E. Detering, teacher of piano, 2607 S. 11th St., has begun the season with a good class of pupils. Miss Detering is a successful teacher.

#### THE ANNUAL OUTING OF THE EMPLOYES OF WM. KNABE & CO.

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Addresses in German were made by Mr. Charles Keidel, of the firm, and Mr. Frederick Schierer. Both said it was a source of gratification to them to see the ever-increasing interest that enters into the arrangements to make the celebrations more and more a success each year. They spoke also of the success of the firm and of the bright prospects the future offers for the business.

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Knabe, who died but a short time ago, and by his son-in-law, Chas. Keidel, a man of consummate financial and business ability, who is Madame Sapio (née Clémence Duchéne De Vére) the present head of the house, as he has practically was born in Paris of a Belgian nobleman, his wife been its guiding spirit for years past. With him are associated the third generation in the persons of Her musical education was completed under the Ernest J. Knabe, Jr., and William Knabe, sons of tave, my brave tenor. The heavens will open, and larks ready roasted fall into the old man's mouth. ence, and she made her operatic début at the We'll finish with the trio from 'Guillaume Tell.' early age of sixteen at the Pagliano Theatre, of that age of sixteen at the Pagliano Theatre, of that early age of sixteen at the Pagliano Theatre, of the early age of sixteen at the Pagliano Theatre, of the early age of sixteen at the Pagliano Theatre, of the early age of sixteen at education, a thorough practical training in every Subsequently she appeared with equal fortune at the principal theatres of France, Italy, Mexico, and always recognized that it is in the factory that its reputation for progressive improvement, as well as those in "Lucia," "Dinorah," "Rigoletto," "Ham- for the maintenance of the highest possible standstick, and, adopting it as a baton, used it with the let," and "Faust." These last two operas she ard of manufacture, must be preserved. After air of one having authority. He stood transfixed studied under the composers—Thomas and Gounod. turing, as well as business, departments of the house. they have already for a number of years past taken recent success as an oratorio and concert singer in active part in the management of the various manthe United States, Australia, and Germany has been ufacturing and mercantile departments of this great concern, proving themselves to have inherited the The young artist's quickly-growing popularity in England is easily explained by the fact that this extheir footsteps in the road of progress. In 1889 the ceptionally-gifted soprano belongs to a special and house was formed into a corporation, and its present limited class of singers, who can successfully embrace, by their versatility, the most widely different Knabe, Jr., vice president; Charles Keidel, Jr., treasurer, and William Knabe, secretary.

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Mr. Nikisch, formerly conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, who made his London debut this summer as conductor of Mayer's orchestral concerts, has just been appointed conductor of the famous Gewandhaus concerts in Leipsic, in succession to the veteran Dr. Reinecke, who, after thirty-five years of service, has retired to private life. The Gewandhaus concerts date from the time of Bach, but they were interrupted by the Seven Years' War. The band, which now numbers eighty, then consisted of only sixteen players. Mendelssohn, who was appointed in 1835, was, of course, the greatest of the Gewandhaus conductors, but his successors were all eminent men.

Edouard Remenyi, the violinist, will make another American tour, and his season of 1895-96 will be one of considerable importance, as immediately after ending the season in the United States Mr. Remenyi, who is solo violinist to hls Imperial and Royal Ma-jesty, the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, is called back to his own country to assist in the celebration of the Millenium of the Magyars, which will continue during the whole year throughout Hungary; and it is to participate in these national festivities that Mr. Remenyi, as one of Hungary's favorite artists and patriots, is called to return.

The following will be Mr. Paderewski's route for the season 1895-96: October 30, New York, Polish Fantasie with Damrosch Orchestra; November 2, New York, First Recital; November 6, Philadelphia; November 9, New York, Second Recital; November 11, Brooklyn; November 13, Philadelphia; November 16, New York; November 19, Boston with Boston Symphonic Orchestra; November 21, Portland, Maine; November 22, Portland, Maine; November 23, Boston; November 25, Worcester; November 27, Springfield; November 28, Troy; November 30, Boston; December 2. Hartford; December 3, New Haven; December 5, Providence; December 7, Boston; December 9, Philadelphia; December 10, Washington; December 11, Baltimore; December 13, Washington; December 15, Pittsburg; December 18, Pittsburg; December 19, Cleveland; December 21, Buffalo.

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Theodore B. Spiering, the well-known solo violinist, was married Oct. 2nd, at New York, to Miss Frida Mueller, the chaiming and accomplished daughter of Wilhelm Mueller, editor of "Puck." The happy couple take with them the congratulations of a host of friends. They will reside in Chicago, where Mr. Spiering has an elegant studio at Steinway Hall.

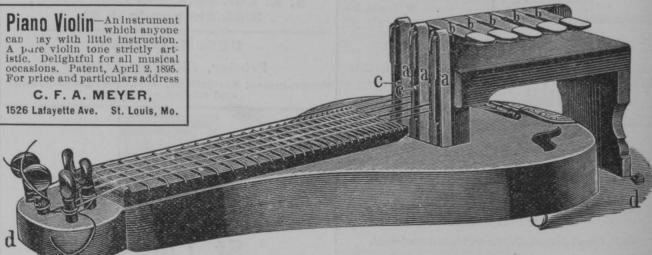
John Philip Sousa's new comic opera, "El Capitan," at which he is now busily engaged, will be produced by the DeWolf Hopper Opera Company at Boston, in the Tremont Theatre, on April 13th, 1896, and will be heard in New York on April 20th, one week later.

Miss Wilhelmine Trenchery, of Alton, gave a very delightful entertainment at her residence in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore, of Omaha. There were forty guests present and a splendid programme of musical numbers was rendered by the leading talent of Alton. Among those who participated were Mrs. H. P. Whitmore, Miss Trenchery, Mrs. C. B. Rohland, the Misses Phinney, Miss Holt, Mr. Wm. D. Armstrong and Mr. Geo. Vieh. Special feature of the occasion was the dancing of a minuet in costume of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore.

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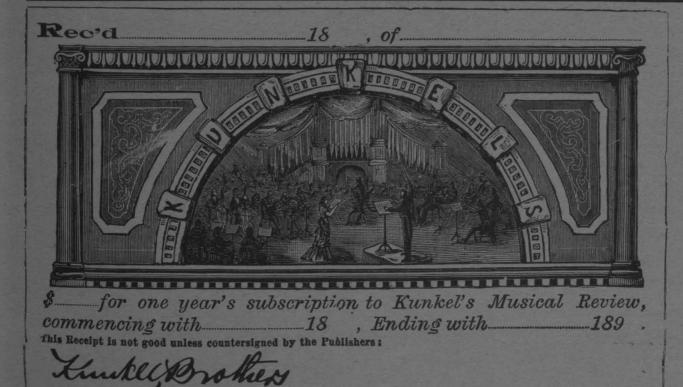
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